

◆ Beckerman, Gidez, Robinson, Others Honored for Contributions to Council

Seven CSE members were recognized at the 2003 annual meeting for extensive service to the Council. Distinguished Service Awards went to Seth R Beckerman, Lewis I Gidez, and Peggy Robinson. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Jessica Ancker, Blaire V Mossman, Cheryl A Smart, and Nancy D Taylor.

Beckerman was cited for outstanding service as CSE Web editor, a post he has held since 1999. Achievements during his tenure have included adding links to reference materials on the Web, instituting e-mail notification of new postings to the Job Bank, and introducing online meeting registration, membership renewal, and publication purchases. At the time of the annual meeting, he was working with Potomac Digitek, the firm hosting the CSE Web site, on a complete redesign of the site. Beckerman, of Business & Technical Communications, is a freelance writer and editor who specializes in international rural development and has written and edited material about many other topics.



Seth Beckerman

Gidez was recognized for "stellar service as CSE treasurer extraordinaire". A Council member since 1969, he served as treasurer for more than a decade, spanning much of



Lew Gidez

the 1980s and early 1990s. Previously a research scientist and teacher as well as an editor, Gidez was director of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) office of publications from 1986 until his retirement in 1997. He was executive editor of the *Journal of Lipid Research* and *The FASEB Journal*.

Robinson was honored "for her colossal contributions" in chairing the CSE Style Manual Subcommittee. A member of the subcommittee since 1991, she has chaired it since 1994. She contributed to the sixth edition (1994) of the Council's manual *Scientific Style and Format* and has directed preparation of the seventh edition, scheduled for publication in 2004. In accepting the award, Robinson recognized her fellow members of the subcommittee: Karen Patrias (cochair), Jane Edwards,



Peggy Robinson



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Nancy D Taylor, Blaire V Mossman, and Jessica Ancker with Awards and Honors Committee Chair Tad Parker.

Thor Kommedahl, Greg Shaner, Susan Shirley, and Bob Wilbur. Robinson is a freelance editor based in Ottawa, Ontario. Previously, she was managing editor of the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*.

Certificates of Appreciation went to Ancker for work on the Program and Education Committees; Mossman for work throughout the committee structure, as president, and in other aspects of governance; Smart for work on publications; and Taylor for work on the Program and Education Committees.

CSE Distinguished Service Awards recognize excellence in the performance of specific tasks by CSE members. Certificates of Appreciation can recognize a variety of member contributions.